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MYCOBACTERIAL SPECIES WITH SAME

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.